



THE ARMY IN CALIFORNIA

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The directory provides an explanation of the organizations' missions and activities and points of contact for use by the media. If you have any Army-related questions for your news programming or interaction with the public, you will now know where to go for assistance.

This guide was compiled by the Los Angeles Branch of the U.S. Army Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. For any questions or comments, please contact the director of the Los Angeles Branch, Kathleen Canham Ross, at (310) 235-7621.



Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Los Angeles Branch

Los Angeles Branch informs the American Public in the 12 western states about the Army and fosters positive regional community relations and outreach efforts. The office coordinates Army support for civic, community, veteran and military-affiliated organizations; special events, and Army Outreach campaigns.

Located in the second largest metropolitan area in the country, Los Angeles Branch provides a focal point for queries about the Army from organizations, the public, and the media. Likewise, the office assists Army organizations that want to engage the media and public in Southern California. Assistance can include media training and event coverage for internal information.

Los Angeles Branch is also the Army's liaison with Hollywood. For 90 years from "Birth of a Nation" in 1915 to "War of the Worlds" in 2005, the U.S. Army has provided support to the entertainment industry and helped the industry support Soldiers morale. For more than 50 years, the Los Angeles Branch of the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs has helped Hollywood's storytellers transform their visions into film. "The Longest Day," "Patton," the series "Tour of Duty," "Clear and Present Danger," "Band of Brothers," "Black Hawk Down," and "We Were Soldiers" are just a few of the major motion picture or television projects the office has worked on. Also, the office coordinates Army involvement in approximately 120 documentaries annually.

Assisting the entertainment industry in producing Army-related movies, television programs, documentaries and games enhances public awareness and understanding of the Army. Our office coordinates and approves all requests for support on documentaries. For movies and other entertainment projects, our office coordinates all Army involvement and recommends approval for support to the Army and the Department of Defense. The Department of Defense is the final approval authority for all entertainment projects. **Contact Kathy Canham Ross at 310-235-7621 or e-mail her at kathy.canhamross@us.army.mil**

National Training Center, Fort Irwin

Fort Irwin is home to one of the Army's premier training facilities, the National Training Center. The Center provides realistic joint and combined arms training focused on developing Soldiers, leaders, and units of America's Army for success on the 21st



century battlefield. The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, who usually portrays the opposing forces, is currently gaining real world experiences as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To accomplish realistic training, the NTC has created an imaginary region of the world that has become embroiled in conflict. The visiting Army units who come to Fort Irwin to train compose the “**Blue Forces**” representing the United States Army. These Blue Forces receive air support from either the **U.S. Air Force** or the **U.S. Navy** during the exercises, just as they would during a real battle. The Blue Forces come to Fort Irwin to defend American interests against the opposing forces or **OPFOR**. The OPFOR, portrayed by members of the Army’s 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, fight using the tactics and equipment that American forces must currently counter around the world. Air Force and Navy aircraft also support the OPFOR.

Additionally, the Center provides a vital source of experience based information and data essential to doctrine, equipment, training and force development in order to improve the force. Units such as the Stryker brigades and the 4th Infantry Division’s digitized units also get practical experience at the Center before entering the regular Army force.

The post is located 35 miles north of Barstow, Calif., and covers 1,000 square miles. About 5,000 Soldiers and 3,700 civilian employees are assigned there; the total work force has been ranked the second largest in San Bernardino County. Fort Irwin annually contributes more than \$225 million to the regional economy is each year.

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Sierra Army Depot

Sierra Army Depot is a government owned and operated installation that served as the U.S. Army's Rapid Delivery Logistics Facility. It is the Army's only (CITE) Center of Industrial Technical Excellence for critical operational project stocks including deployable medical systems, medical supplies, petroleum and water systems, aviation systems, Force provider and other items. The depot is the largest federal employer in Northeastern California.



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U.S. Army 6th Recruiting Brigade

Three of the 6th Recruiting Brigade’s eight battalions are in California: Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Southern California Battalions. Together, they have 156 recruiting stations. In a typical year, about 8 percent of the Soldiers recruited each year come from California.



The U.S. Army **Sacramento Recruiting Battalion** is comprised of 8 companies; Sierra Nevada, Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin, South Sacramento, East Bay, North Bay, South Bay, and Monterey Bay. The battalion covers areas from North Eastern California and North Western Nevada, South to Modesto and West to the coast. **Public Affairs Office: 916-638-0970 Contact: John Heil at john.c.heil@us.army.mil**

The U.S. Army **Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion** has seven recruiting companies. Its territory includes the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare and Ventura. **Public Affairs Office: 323-293-5209 Contact: Gregory Becker at gregory.becker@us.army.mil or Kris Goplen at kris.goplen@usarec.army.mil**

The U.S. Army **Southern California Recruiting Battalion** is located in Mission Viejo and has six recruiting companies. Its territory extends from the Sierra-Nevada mountains in the north to the International Border with Mexico at the south. Its western border is the Pacific Ocean and its eastern area includes Yuma County, Arizona. **Public Affairs Office: 949-367-1159 Contact: Diana Shannon at diana.shannon@us.army.mil**



The Defense Language Institute

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) is the world's largest foreign language institute. The mission of the DLIFLC is to educate, sustain, evaluate, and support foreign language specialists for the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies.

DLIFLC is regarded as one of the finest schools for foreign language instruction in the world. Resident instruction is provided at the Presidio of Monterey in 23 languages plus several dialects and is administered through 31 language departments and the Operation Enduring Freedom Task Force, which expands or contracts in response to the needs of the sponsoring agencies. The present facilities at the Presidio of Monterey can accommodate approximately 3,500 students. DLIFLC has a population of 3,087 military members and 1,304 civilian employees. It occupies 392 acres in Monterey and 795 acres in the Ord Military Community.

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Army Corps of Engineers – South Pacific Division

Established in 1888, the Army Corps of Engineers (South Pacific Division) comprises one-fifth of the United States and is one of the Corps' eight Regional Headquarters. It consists of four districts—Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, and Albuquerque. The Division headquarters is in San Francisco.

The Corps is responsible for regional military construction for Army and Air Force installations and for water resources development, such as navigation and flood control, with added emphasis on environmental protection. It also administers water regulatory programs such as the Clean Water Act. The Corps estimates its economic impact on California to be about \$400 million a year.

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Army Corps of Engineers – Los Angeles District

Los Angeles District encompasses 226,000 square miles in four states, protects 420 miles of Southern California shoreline from Morro Bay to the Mexican border, and supports nine military bases. Established in 1898, L.A. District is responsible for some 170 projects in four states. Among its current or recent projects are:

- **Upper Newport Bay** project will protect one of the last remaining coastal wetlands in Southern California by providing critical habitat for endangered species of birds and plants. Project will deepen and expand the size of sediment basins in the Upper Bay
- The Los Angeles District has begun construction to increase the capacity of the reservoir behind **Prado Dam**. The project will occur in stages over the next five to eight years.
- **Whitewater River Basin Project:** The District is currently conducting detailed design analysis of a flood control project in the Thousand Palms area of the basin.
- **San Luis Rey (Oceanside) Flood Control Project:** Oceanside area project to protect lives and property and preserve/restore the environment.
- West Basin Terminal Improvements Projects for the **Port of Los Angeles**
- **Hansen Dam Restoration Project**
- Clean-up of the flood control basins following the October 03 **San Bernardino Mountain Fires** and Christmas deluge

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Army Corps of Engineers – San Francisco District

The San Francisco District was established in 1866 with authority for river and harbor work on the Pacific Coast west of the Rocky Mountains. Today the District covers approximately 40,000 square miles. Most of the territory parallels the California coastline for approximately 600 miles from the Oregon border to just south of Monterey.

The district dredges 4.5 million cubic yards annually, including 1.5 million cubic yards annually in San Francisco Bay navigation channels. Debris collection in San Francisco Bay, which averages 90 tons per month, is another high visibility mission. The District's Bay Model Visitor Center provides public information and education programs focusing on the environmental, historical, and cultural elements of the San Francisco Bay region.

The District has constructed two multipurpose, flood control reservoirs, Lake Mendocino and Coyote Dam near Ukiah, and Lake Sonoma and Warm Springs Dam near Healdsburg. The District also has tens of thousands of acres of valuable wetlands within its jurisdiction.

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Army Corps of Engineers – Sacramento District

The Sacramento District touches nine western states and covers a total of 290,000 square miles. Approximately 1,000 military and civilian employees work in the Sacramento District today. Programs include:

- The **Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins** Comprehensive Study is a joint effort by the State of California Reclamation Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with Federal, State and local agencies, groups, organizations, and citizens

- **Lake Tahoe Restoration:** The US Army Corps of Engineers is a member of the Lake Tahoe Federal Interagency Partnership.
- **Napa River Flood Protection Project**
- **American River Watershed Project**
- **Defense Environmental Restoration Program** activities at Camp Beale, Hamilton Army Airfield, Lincoln Titan A, and Benicia Arsenal

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63rd Regional Readiness Command

The U.S. Army 63rd Regional Readiness Command (RRC), which has its headquarters at the Joint Reserve Training Base in Los Alamitos, is the largest Army Reserve organization in California. The 63rd has command and control of more than 11,000 Army Reserve Soldiers and more than 170 units in California, Arizona and Nevada. It augments the U.S. Army with the following types of units: military police, medical, military intelligence, water purification, transportation, legal support, maintenance, and public affairs.

The 63rd RRC's missions also include: support troop projection by filling in for deploying active troops; provide port, rail and other transportation support; and, act as the training base during full mobilization. In addition, the 63rd RRC supports the major reserve commands located within its boundaries, including the 91st Division (Training), 104th Division (Exercise), 351st Civil Affairs Command and the 311th Support Command (Corps). Support includes resource and logistic management, personnel functions, real property management and regional planning related to military support of civilian authorities.

Since September 11, 2001, more than a third of the 63rd RRC has been mobilized to fight the Global War on Terrorism. The 63rd RRC also continues to support other Army missions, both foreign and domestic, including participation in the peace implementation forces in Kosovo.

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91st Training Division

The 91st Division (Training Support), the "Wild West" Division, provides realistic, battle-focused unit training using its three "field exercise battalions" to provide "lanes" training for company-sized and smaller units. It is based at the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin.

The 91st is organized and staffed to plan, conduct and evaluate training exercises for Army National Guard and Army Reserve Combat Support and Combat Service Support units at the squad, platoon/section, and company/battery levels and above. Upon mobilization, the 91st will assist in the validation of Reserve and Army National Guard units in the preparation for deployment.

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The 311th Support Command (Corps)

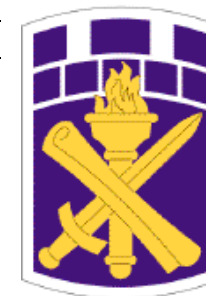
The 311th Support Command (Corps), based in Los Angeles, includes over 800 personnel in peacetime and more than 12,000 during wartime. The down trace units include Army Reserve and National Guard forces from throughout the country, to include a medical command. The 311th has a unique mission--it is the only reserve component support command that provides dedicated support to an active component corps (I Corps at Ft. Lewis, WA).

The command is comprised of active duty, active reserve and reserve forces. The 311th provides command and control for combat service support units during exercises and operations on the West Coast, Korea, Japan and other Pacific Rim locations. The COSCOM provided logistical support for every segment of the Stryker Brigade certification and is currently providing personnel for operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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351st Civil Affairs Command

The 351st Civil Affairs Command is one of the four major subordinate units of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, a subordinate command of U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The 351st is headquartered in Mountain View.

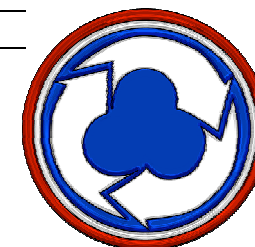
Soldiers are the field commander's link to the civil authorities in his area of operations. With specialists in every area of the government, they can assist a host government meet its people's needs and maintain a stable and viable civil administration. Civil Affairs Soldiers are currently in high demand for the support that they provide in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia.

About 96 percent of Civil Affairs Soldiers are in the Army Reserve. These reserve civil affairs units include Soldiers with training and experience in public administration, public safety, public health, legal systems, labor management, public welfare, public finance, public education, civil defense, public works and utilities, public communications, public transportation, logistics, food and agricultural services, economics, property control, cultural affairs, civil information, and managing dislocated persons.

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California National Guard



The California National Guard supports the security requirements of both the federal and state governments through the employment of Army and Air Force National Guard units and joint forces elements.

At the direction of the President of the United States, the mission of the California National Guard is to provide mission ready forces to the federal government. California National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have been activated to serve in the Global War on Terror.

At the direction of the Governor of California, the mission of the California National Guard is to protect the public safety of the citizens of California by providing military support to civil authorities during natural disasters and other emergencies and to provide service and support to the local communities in which its members work and live. The California National Guard, for instance, responds to more Search and Rescue and State natural disasters than all remaining states combined. More than 21,000 Soldiers and Airmen serve in the California National Guard. The State Guard also has a special partnership with the Ukraine and provides its government with training in emergency response and in border security.

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The California Army National Guard

The California Army National Guard has 170 installations scattered across California. Its three major training sites are Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles; Camp San Luis Obispo; and the Joint Forces Training Base at Los Alamitos. The Los Alamitos base serves as the disaster support center for Southern California.



The 49th Joint Combat Support Command (49th CSC), one of two senior commands in the California Army National Guard, is the senior headquarters for all non-divisional, high priority, combat service and combat service support units in California. The 49th JCSC provides command and control (C2) for a total of ten battalion level commands and forty-nine company level commands located in thirty-five armories, activities, and communities throughout California. In the 49th Joint Combat Support Command, more than 5,500 citizen-soldiers dedicate a significant part of their lives to be Minutemen as founded in the Constitution of the United States.

The California Army National Guard also has two of the nation's Civil Support Teams, the 9th and the 95th, trained and available to support homeland security missions.

40th Infantry Division

The 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized) is the largest Army National Guard unit in the state and is one of only eight divisions in the National Guard. The "Sunshine Division," organized during World War I, is headquartered at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. The division has served overseas in World War I, World War II and Korea, and units from the division have served in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. The division currently has command of Kosovo Forces Multinational Brigade East.



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Youth Programs

The California National Guard supports several youth programs including the California Cadet Corps, Angels Gate Academy, and the ChalleNGe program. The **California Cadet Corps** is a school based education and prevention program directed toward enhanced school safety, dropout prevention and gang avoidance. The Cadet Corps has served as a "National Model" for school based youth educational programs.

ChalleNGe program's mission is to intervene in the life of an at-risk youth and produce a program graduate with the values, skills, education and self discipline necessary to succeed as an adult. The ChalleNGe Program consists of three phases; a 2-week Pre-ChalleNGe Phase; a 20-week Residential ChalleNGe Phase at the Grizzly Youth Academy at Camp San Luis Obispo; and a 12 month Post-Residential Phase.

Angel Gate Academy (AGA) is a four (4) week residential program offered to students of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), conducted at Camp San Luis Obispo, California in partnership with the California Army National Guard. AGA is a learning and intervention program for 6th to 8th grade boys and girls, ages 11-13, considered "at-risk." The evaluation of the program indicates dropout rates were reduced by 72 percent; reading scores improved by an average of two grade levels; student attendance improved by 78 percent; student tardiness lowered by 65 percent; and disciplinary action decreased by 72 percent.